

REMARKS

Original Claims 1-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Newly-added Claims 41-51 are in this application, of which Claims 41 and 46 are in independent form. Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

The newly-added claims are directed to the elected Species, and have support in the application as filed, as follows.

In Claim 41 and 46 , the setting step or unit is supported at least by Fig. 4, element 407. and Fig. 11. The acquiring step or unit is supported at least by Fig. 4, element 406. The converting step or unit is supported at least by Fig. 4, elements 402 to 404, and Fig. 13, steps S1303 to S1306. The outputting step or unit is supported at least by Fig. 4, element 404, and Fig. 13, step S1307. The feature stated in the last paragraph of these claims is supported at least by Figs. 8 and 9.

Claims 42 and 47 are supported at least by Fig. 4, element 406, Claims 43 and 48, by Fig. 11, Claims 44 and 49, by Fig. 25, Claims 45 and 50, by Fig. 9, and Claim 51, by paragraphs [0137] - [0139] of the application as filed (referring to the paragraph numbering in the published version of this application).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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